

April 30, 2023 • Fourth Sunday of Easter



# The Cathedral of SAINT JOSEPH

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Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood, *Bishop*

## LITURGY GUIDE - April 30, 2023

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to the Cathedral of St. Joseph and thank you for joining us for the celebration of Holy Mass today!

**Please, silence your cell phones and refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum in the Cathedral. Help keep our Cathedral tidy by utilizing the waste baskets found near the main entrances.**

**Please, do not take pictures during the Mass celebration. You are welcome to take pictures after Mass.**

**INTROIT - (At 9:15 AM & 11:00 THE INTROIT IS SUNG BY THE CHOIR, FOLLOWED BY THE OPENING HYMN)**

*Misericordia Domini plena est terra, alleluia: verbo Dei caeli firmati sunt, alleluia, alleluia.*

(Verse) *Exsultate justi, in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio.*

The merciful love of the Lord fills the Earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia, alleluia. (Verse) Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just; for praise is fitting for the upright.

### OPENING HYMN

701

LÜBECK

On This Day, the First of Days

### PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, **(striking breast three times)** *through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;* Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### GLORIA

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, hea-ve-nly King, O God, al - migh - ty Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are sea-ted at the

right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed:

"Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?"

Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call."

He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23:1-3A, 3b-4, 5, 6

**(Refrain sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)**

The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

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The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul. **R**

He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name. Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me. Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending. **R**

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved:

If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God.

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. *He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.* When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Please Stand*

*(Sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)*



I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **R**

**GOSPEL**

John 10:1-10

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."



**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Please Stand*

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
*(bow here)* and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *(4:00 PM & 7:30 AM)* LAUDA ANIMA  
**716** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

**OFFERTORY MOTET** *(9:15 AM)* Edward Bairstow  
The King of Love my Shepherd Is (1874-1946)

**OFFERTORY ANTIPHON** *(11:00 AM)*  
*Deus, Deus meus, ad te de luce* O God, my God, from  
*vigilio: et in nomine tuo levabo* daybreak do I watch for you;  
*manus meas, alleluia.* and in invocation of your  
name will I lift up my hands.

**Celebrant:** Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R.** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rec - tion un-til you come a-gain.

## AGNUS DEI

*Cantus or Chorus*  
\*Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
*To repeat* have mer-cy on us. *Last time* grant us peace.

## ECCE AGNUS DEI

**Celebrant:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R.** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## HOLY COMMUNION

All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to signal their desire to receive a blessing.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON (4:00 PM & 7:30 AM)

The Good Shep - herd has - ri - sen, who  
laid down his life for his sheep, al - le - lu - ia.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON (9:15 AM & 11:00 AM)

*Ego sum pastor bonus, alleluia: et* I am the good shepherd,  
*cognosco oves meas, et cognoscent* alleluia; I know my sheep and  
*me meae, alleluia, alleluia.* my own know me,  
alleluia, alleluia.

## COMMUNION MEDITATION (9:15 AM) Arr. Virgil Thompson My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (1896-1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away, Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days, O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come, No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

## HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

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RESIGNATION  
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

## CLOSING HYMN

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ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR  
Hail Redeemer, King Divine

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**Knights of Columbus Youth Camp** - A faith-filled camp for young men between the ages of 13-19. **Blessed Michael McGivney Youth Camp** focuses on faith, fun and fraternity and is based on the four principles of the Knights of Columbus (charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism). The camp is held at BroomTree Retreat Center in Irene and begins at 1 pm on Friday, June 23 and ends at 10 am on Sunday, June 25. **Fathers are welcome to attend with their sons.** You'll enjoy games, activities, swimming, canoeing and guest speakers. There is no cost for this camp (Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus). Call John Limoges at 605-957-5074 or [johnalimoges@hotmail.com](mailto:johnalimoges@hotmail.com) for registration and details.

## Fiat Dinner

Who: All Young Women Seeking God's Call  
What: Mass, Dinner, and Talks with Bishop DeGrood and More  
When: Sunday May 21st, 5-8pm  
Where: Mater Ecclesiae Monastery, 506 N Summit Ave, Sioux Falls

RSVP:  
[sfwomensdiscernment.org](http://sfwomensdiscernment.org)



## Save the Date - CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND FAMILIES

Saturday, June 24 at 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the O'Gorman High School Campus. Mass, vendors, games, dunk tank, inflatables and food trucks. Dr. Ray Guarendi will be the guest speaker.

Free will donation to attend.

**We are looking for Volunteers for this event.**

Please call or text Sara Beaner at 605-421-8378 for more details.  
Hosted by Mission SOS (a Non-profit Catholic Organization)


# COMMUNITY NEWS

**After School Teacher Assistants and Summer Care Teachers and Aides:** FT/PT positions available, no nights and weekends. Go to the website: [www.ogknights.org](http://www.ogknights.org) for more details or if interested in applying. Great Employment opportunities!

**St. Michael Cemetery** - is looking for part-time ground workers for the summer. 15 to 20 hours per week depending on weather conditions. You must be at least 16 years of age. For details call Steve at 605-338-3376 or [stmichaelcemetery@sfcatholic.org](mailto:stmichaelcemetery@sfcatholic.org).


**O’Gorman Junior High and O’Gorman High School** - offer a traditional, Catholic values education for 7th through 12th grade students. The partnership between faculty and parents, the teacher involvement and the academic achievements are unparalleled. Consider sending your child to a school that shares your values and beliefs and works to educate the whole child. [ogknights.org/admissions/myschoolwhy](http://ogknights.org/admissions/myschoolwhy)


**Seasons of Hope** – A Six-Week Bible Study For Individuals Who Are Grieving This six week bible study will begin on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 and ending on Tuesday July 18, 2023. The study runs from 8:45 am-10:00 am each week. Hosted by The Lourdes Center at 523 N. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD Please call **605-988-3775 to register.**



Kjirsten Finnegan from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in **Cathedral’s parish bulletin**. Please, call the Parish Office (605-336-7390) with your contact info.

**CDA Court Mother Teresa #2510 - 2023 Spring Luncheon**  
You’re invited to our annual **CDA Tour of Tables** brunch, **May 6th** from **11:30am-1:30pm** at St Michael’s. Open to all women and girls; there will be fun, food and prizes for everyone! **Doors open at 10:30** so come early to see raffle options. There will also be a garage sale for shopping at the church! Pre-register if there will be 4 or more in your group for seating arrangements. Call or text **Doreen 605-357-0340** or **Jayne 605-261-3408** for details.



The 28th Annual  
**BISHOP’S CHARITY  
FISHING TOURNAMENTS**  
Benefiting Seminarian Education  
“Fishing for a Few Good Men”  
**Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Big Stone City** - Dohitt Park and  
**Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at Pierre** - Oahe Downstream Recreation Area (located 5 miles north of Pierre). We are excited to gather again in support of the future priests of our diocese! For more information, visit us at [www.ccfesd.org](http://www.ccfesd.org), 605-988-3765 or Scan 



## Liturgical Roles



**Daily Mass Reader -**  
12:00 pm As Scheduled

**May 6/7**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 pm Laura Barnett, Kate Piercemogen  
7:30 am John Lown, Sandy Lown  
9:15 am Connie Luke, John Moneke, Don Rahn  
11:00 am Bill Earley, Bev Earley, Nancy Ann Kadinger  
4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

### Lectors

4:00 pm Mary Glenski, Denise Rotert  
7:30 am Steve Mogle  
9:15 am John Moneke, Don Rahn  
11:00 am Nancy Ann Kadinger, Tess Simon  
4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

### Altar Servers

4:00 pm Pontifical Servers  
7:30 am James Mogle, Thomas Mogle  
9:15 am Charles & Nathaniel Myers, John Paul Beaner  
11:00 am Afru Jage, Leo Rutten, Nicholas Simon, Andrew Simon  
4:00 pm Servers as Scheduled

### Mini-Bus Driver

4:00 pm Dennis Hance  
**Dow Rummel** Michelle Gullickson  
**Good Sam** Nancy Jerentowski

### Readings for the week of April 23, 2023

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35  
**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6(1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

## CONGRATULATIONS

**George Gallagher** is Cathedral 500 Club’s fifth winner for April 2023. He has received a check for **\$94**. Anyone interested in joining will find applications at the front entrance (Duluth Ave) of the Cathedral. Cost is \$5/month. Applications must be received by **May 1st** to be in the May 2023 drawings. Call the Parish Office at **605-336-7390** for details.

## Mass Intentions

- Mon. May 01** • *St. Joseph the Worker*  
12:00 pm In Thanksgiving To St. Joseph
- Tue. May 02** • *St. Athanasius, Bishop/Doctor of the Church*  
12:00 pm Kyle & Sarah Hills & Family
- Wed. May 03** • *Sts. Philip and James, Apostles*  
12:00 pm † Margaret & Alphonse Bartscher
- Thu. May 04** • *Easter Weekday*  
12:00 pm † Bryon Hills & Family
- Fri. May 05** • *Easter Weekday - First Friday*  
12:00 pm Lucy Rye
- Sat. May 06** • *Easter Weekday - First Saturday*  
9:00 am † Bromley Heath  
4:00 pm † Bishop Swain
- Sun. May 07** • *Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
7:30 am † Patrick Fitzgibbons  
9:15 am † Jerry Schneider  
11:00 am † Janet Truex  
4:00 pm Pro Populo

## Sanctuary Candles

This week the five sanctuary candles in the Sacred Heart Chapel have been requested for the following intentions:

- 1.) Devotion to **St. Joseph the Worker**
- 2.) † Tim Bartscher
- 3.) † Mark McCoy
- 4.) † Geigel Bernabe
- 5.) † Tom Francis

## Cathedral Events Calendar

Saturday, April 29 & Sunday, April 30 -

After all Masses- *InSpines Capital* Campaign  
Meetings in the Parish Hall

Monday, May 1 -

7:00 pm - *InSpines Capital* Campaign Kickoff  
Meeting in Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 2 -

10:00 am - Women's Group

7:00 pm - *InSpines Capital* Campaign Kickoff  
Meeting in Parish Hall

Thursday, May 4 -

7:00 pm - Adoration & Reconciliation in the Chapel

Friday, May 5 - First Friday

11:00 am - Adoration before noon Mass (No Rosary)

Saturday, May 6 - First Saturday

9:00 am - First Saturday Mass

12:00 pm - Reconciliation in the Chapel

3:00 pm - Reconciliation in the Cathedral Nave

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, **May 1st** is the **Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker**, our Patron Saint. We will have our usual 12:00 pm Mass **w/the Children's Choir** that day. What a wonderful tribute to St. Joseph to attend Mass that day, if possible. St. Joseph pray for us and guide us in our work on the Cathedral.

**May** is Cathedral's month to **support the Adoration Sisters**. Draw a slip from the Collection Bins by the entrances. Bring your item, for the Sisters, the next time you come to Church to place in the bin. Thank you for your assistance to the Sisters.

**Women's Group:** Starting Season 3 of The Chosen on 5/2. Meeting at Cathedral School at 10am. Contact Abigail at 605-336-7390 or [acarter@sfcatholic.org](mailto:acarter@sfcatholic.org) for details.

### *InSpines Capital* - Campaign Kickoff

Please plan to join one of the following *InSpines* Campaign presentations after all of **this weekend's Masses** or on **May 1st or May 2nd at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Come to learn more and ask about the construction on the Rectory, the new Organ and plans for creating future sustainable funding!



**Anointed by the Holy Spirit  
through the waters of Baptism**

**Jack P. Fidel & Abel M. Fidel**- Sons of Fidel Toyi and  
Nduwinkunda Joselyne

**Congratulations and welcome into our Family of Faith!**

If you are expecting or have a child to be baptized, please call  
Deacon Bill Radio (605-336-7390) for baptism planning.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of  
**Tim Bartscher** - Brother of Nancy (Bill) Towns and Linda  
Brown and uncle to Jenny Brown-Cathedral Parishioners  
**Margaret Scott MacLean** - Mother of Deb (Deacon Bill) Radio  
May they and all of the faithful departed,  
through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

### **HELP US COMPLETE OUR CFSA GOAL**

We have received **26%** of our pledge cards with just over 240 gifts. You can make your pledge by putting your pledge card in the collection basket, through our online Giving Page (code below), or drop it off at the parish office. Your pledges and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity in helping us reach our goal in support of the essential Diocesan programs and services.

### **WEEKLY OFFERING APRIL 22/23**



Envelopes	\$	11,586.26
Online/EFT	\$	3,074.72
Visitors/Loose Cash	\$	3,856.94

**Total \$ 18,517.92**

Scan QR code to be directed to our Giving Page

*Thank you for your Support and Prayers!*

## CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

**Parish Office: 605-336-7390**

**Parish Office Email: [cathedral@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cathedral@sfcatholic.org)**

**Office Hours:** 8:30am-5pm M-Th, 8:30am-3pm Friday

**Cathedral Church Hours:**

8am-5pm Monday-Saturday

7am-Noon & 3:30-5:00 Sunday

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am,

4:00pm (St. Josephine Bakhita Community)

**Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday 12pm (Noon)

**Confessions**

Thursday 7:00pm

Saturday 12 Noon & 3:00-3:30pm in Cathedral

(In the Chapel if a Wedding is scheduled)

**Adoration**

Thursdays 7pm-8pm (In the Chapel during Confessions)

First Friday of the month at 11am in the Cathedral

**Self Guided Tours**

1:00 pm Monday-Friday (except Holy Days)

**Guided Tours-By appointment 605-336-7390**

**Parish Staff**

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**Wedding Coordinator,** Mary Enderson

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**The Lourdes Center** (Formerly Catholic Family Services)

Counseling and Grief Programs **605-988-3775**

**Sacraments**

**Baptism** The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the 11AM Mass. Parents must attend a Baptism preparation meeting. To schedule a meeting for preparation contact the parish office. at **605-336-7390**.

**Matrimony** Six months preparation required. Registered parishioners, please contact the parish office. All others, contact the pastor of your home church. For wedding information, go to [www.stjosephcathedral.net](http://www.stjosephcathedral.net), under Sacraments.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the parish office to request this Sacrament if you have been diagnosed with an illness, in preparation for surgery or in case of serious illness.

**Catholic Cemetery - St. Michael's Cemetery 605-338-3376**

## CLERGY REFLECTION

The Holy Communion is an act of worship we engage in every Sunday. It is also known as the Lord's Supper as well as the Eucharist. A term with its roots in the Greek 'eucharisto' which means "giving of thanks". Though it's a seemingly simple act where Christians break bread and drink from the cup, Holy Communion is an important act. Therefore we should seek to understand (especially if you are new to the faith) why we do it because otherwise, our participation becomes meaningless, displeasing to God and detrimental to us also. So in today's sermon, I am going to address three important truths that all of us should be aware of. (Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-33).

**1.** The Message of the Holy Communion is that a new covenant was established when Jesus shed his blood on the cross of Calvary, (1 Cor. 11:25).

**2.** The Purpose of the Holy Communion is; to remember his sufferings and death as it was mandated by Christ himself, (1 Cor. 11:23-25), To proclaim our faith in the efficiency of his death, (1 Corinthians 11:26a) and in his return, (1 Cor. 11:26b) and To fellowship in the body of Christ in the sense of reinforcing fellowship among each other in the church, (1 Cor. 11:33).

**3.** The Order of the Holy Communion; Must not take part in a manner unworthy of Christ's sufferings. Implies sin not repented for and irreverent attitudes, (1 Corinthians 11:27), each one should put himself to test as to the attitude of his heart, outward conduct, and understanding of the true nature and purpose of Communion, (1 Cor. 11:28), because those who don't participate in a worthy manner are guilty of re-crucifying Christ. They risk illness and even physical death, (1 Cor. 11:29-30) and if we judge ourselves before participating, however, the Lord shall not judge us eternally with the world but discipline us, (1 Cor. 11:31-33).

On 23rd April 2023 St. Joseph Cathedral kids from traditional class and St. Josephine Bakhita First Communion class, about 30 candidates received First Communion. There was an unexpected crowd at 11:00 Mass. The Gospel of that Sunday was about two disciples recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The best homily was preached by the rector of St. Joseph Cathedral, Fr. James Morgan and he asked the kids saying "after two disciples recognize Jesus, He vanished from their sight. Where did Jesus go?" and the kids answered "He entered into the bread". It was a wonderful Eucharistic celebration.

Some communities celebrated with their kids together in the school gym immediately after Mass until the 4:00 PM Mass.

Dear parents, tell your child how proud of him/her you are on the day of their First Communion. Include specific examples of how they have made you proud, such as how hard they studied in class. Most churches hold a series of classes to prepare the children for their First Communion. We too held classes for both St. Josephine Bakhita and St. Joseph First Communion classes this year of 2023. Dear parents; tell your children that they surprised you with their rapid progression and eagerness to partake in the ceremony. Tell your child how this makes you feel, spiritually and emotionally. Tell your kids that you also pray that they become increasingly closer to Jesus and have a continual desire to please him in everything they do. Your prayer may be more specific. Finish with a statement of love.

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